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SUBJ: KURDISH CONFLICT

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1. KURDISH AT-TAAKHI RESPONDED TO GOI AUGUST 27 PUBLICATION OF LIST OF ARMY-KURDISH INCIDENTS DURING 1973 (ASSUME AVAILABLE IN FBIS) WITH LONG EDITORIAL ON AUGUST 28. AT-TAAKHI CLAIMED THAT REAL REASON FOR INCIDENTS WAS GOVERNMENT DISTRIBUTION OF ARMS AND MONEY TO ENEMIES OF KURDS AS PART OF ARABIZATION EFFORT. AT-TAAKHI ACCUSED GOI OF HAVING RESORTED TO BURNING VILLAGES AND USING HEAVY WEAPONS INSTEAD OF ATTEMPTING OTHER METHODS FIRST.

2. AT-TAAKHI EDITORIA INCLUDED TEXT OF TELEGRAM FROM KDP POLITBURO TO RCC ON AUG 21. CABLE SAID "ARMY FORCES CONTINUING ATTACKS ON SINJAR FOR 2 DAYS SUPPORTED BY PLANES, TANKS AND HEAVY ARTILLERY. ATTACKS HAVE RESULTED IN MANY DEATHS AMONG WOMEN AND CHILDREN. PURPOSE OF ATTACK TO ELIMINATE KURDISH ELEMENT FROM REGION TO PREPARE FOR ARABIZATION. ATTACKS MUST BE STOPPED IMMEDIATELY. APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS WILL BEAR CONSEQUENCES IF ATTACKS CONTINUE".

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3. AT-TAAKHI SAID BARZANI HAD INSTRUCTED KURDISH OFFICIALS IN BAGHDAD TO CONTACT GOI IN ATTEMPT TO STOP ATTACK. ONE KURDISH MINISTER TRIED BUT WAS TOLD SINJAR CLASH WAS TRIBAL DISPUTE AND AUTHORITIES' RESPONSIBILITY LIMITED TO MEDIATION. THEREFORE, KDP HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO DECLARE STRIKE WHICH WAS GREAT SUCCESS. O AT-TAAKHI SAID LAST MEETING BETWEEN BAATH AND KDP WAS ON AUGUST 8 AND TWO SIDES HAD AGREED THAT ALL ELEMENTS IN SINJAR WOULD BE DISARMED AND ATTEMPTS TO CHANGE COMPOSITION OF POPULATION IN SINJAR WOULD CEASE. BAATH DID NOT CARRY OUT AGREEMENT. AT-TAAKHI CONCLUDES BY ASKING HOW KDP CAN HAVE CONFIDENCE IN GUARANTEES FOR AUTONOMY.

4. COMMUNIST AL-FKIR AL-JADID OF AUGUST 28 PUBLISHED LONG EDITORIAL CRITICIZING KDP STAND ON NATIONAL FRONT AND CLAIMED THAT KDP COULD NOT SPEAK FOR ALL KURDISTAN "SINCE THERE ARE VARIOUS POLITICAL GROUPS THERE INCLUDING COMMUNIST PARTY WHICH HAS DEEP ROOTED AND PROMINENT POSITION AMONG GREAT NUMBERS OF KURDISH PEOPLE". PAPER GOES ON TO SAY ICP DOES NOT WISH TO WEAKEN KDP, BUT ONLY TO ENCOURAGE ITS PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL FRONT. LOWRIE

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